

MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

TRANSMITTING

*The annual report of the Director of the mint at Philadelphia.*

FEBRUARY 12, 1852.

Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I transmit herewith a copy of the annual report of the Director of the mint at Philadelphia, showing the operations of the mint and its branches for the year 1851.

MILLARD FILLMORE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 10, 1852.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

Philadelphia, January 31, 1852.

SIR: In compliance with the second section of the mint act of January 18, 1837, I have the honor to report the operations of the mint and branch mints during the past year.

The coinage at the principal mint in 1851 amounted to \$52,689,878 48, of which \$52,143,446 were in gold, \$446,797 in silver, and \$99,685 48 in copper coins. The total number of pieces struck was 24,985,736. The deposits at this mint were \$47,799,159 38 in gold, and \$528,620 62 in silver, making a total of \$48,327,780.

The coinage at the branch mint, New Orleans, amounted to \$10,122,600, of which \$9,795,000 were in gold, and \$327,600 in silver. The number of pieces struck was 3,527,000. The deposits were \$8,928,060 51 in gold, and \$196,560 55 in silver, making a total of \$9,124,621 06.

The coinage at the branch mint, Charlotte, North Carolina, amounted to \$324,454 50 in gold, and was composed of 105,366 pieces. The deposits were \$316,060 55 in gold.

The coinage at the branch mint, Dahlonega, Georgia, amounted to \$351,592 in gold, and was composed of 83,856 pieces. The deposits were \$379,308 53 in gold.

The total coinage at the four mints was \$63,488,524 93, comprising \$62,614,492 50 in gold, \$774,397 in silver, and \$99,635 43 in copper coins, and composed of 28,701,958 pieces. The total deposits were \$58,147,770 14, of which \$57,422,588 97 were in gold, and \$725,181 17 in silver. Of the deposits thus received, \$56,540,611 18 in gold and \$389,470 86 in silver were derived from mines in the United States, the whole of such silver, with a very inconsiderable exception, having been separated, by the refining process, from California gold. The total receipts of such gold were \$55,938,232, swelling the entire amount derived from California, and deposited at the mints, to the close of the past year, to \$98,407,990.

In the last annual report forwarded from this office, my predecessor (Dr. Patterson) presented a candid explanation of the difficulties under which the mints at Philadelphia and New Orleans were then laboring in the execution of the refining and coining of bullion with a rapidity equal to the public demands. He showed that these difficulties were temporary in their nature, and that there was no reason to doubt the entire capacity of those mints to the coinage likely to be required of them. It affords me satisfaction to state that the impediments then existing were soon removed. All deposits of bullion are now promptly paid, and manufactured into coin with but a trifling delay. The mint was never in a condition of greater efficiency.

The three-cent piece ordered to be struck at the last session of Congress was ready for issue in June last. The number of such pieces coined by us during the remainder of the year was 5,447,400; at New Orleans the number was 720,000. This new coin is believed to find public favor; and I anticipate a considerable issue during the present year.

Considerable attention has been paid to the coinage of gold dollars and quarter-eagles, nearly seven millions having been issued from this mint. The demand for them is very moderate compared with that for the larger coins.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

GEO. N. ECKERT, *Director.*

MILLARD FILLMORE,  
*President of the United States.*

## A.

*Statement of deposits and coinage at the mint of the United States and its branches in the year 1851.*

## DEPOSITES.

	MINTS.				
	Charlotte.	Dahionega.	N. Orleans.	Philadelphia.	Total.
<i>Gold.</i>					
United States coins, (old standard)	-	-	\$174 89	\$14,070 50	\$14,245 39
Foreign coins	-	-	148,523 66	586,965 48	685,491 17
United States bullion	\$316,060 55	\$379,808 53	8,770,722 24	47,074,519 86	56,540,611 18
Foreign bullion	-	-	8,687 66	178,808 54	187,496 20
Total of gold	316,060 55	379,808 53	8,924,060 51	47,799,159 38	57,422,588 97
<i>Silver.</i>					
Foreign coins	-	-	62,801 18	167,480 24	230,281 42
Foreign bullion	-	-	73,158 88	32,270 06	105,428 89
United States bullion	-	-	60,600 54	328,870 82	389,470 86
Total of silver	-	-	196,560 55	528,620 62	725,181 17
Total gold and silver	316,060 55	379,808 53	9,124,621 06	48,327,780 00	58,147,770 14

## COINAGE.

<i>Gold.</i>					
Double-eagles - pieces	-	-	315,000	2,057,165	2,402,165
Eagles - do	-	-	268,000	176,328	439,328
Half-eagles - do	49,176	62,710	41,000	377,505	530,391
Quarter-eagles - do	14,923	11,264	148,000	1,372,748	1,546,935
Dollars - do	41,267	9,882	290,000	8,317,671	8,658,820
Value of gold	\$324,454 50	351,592	9,795,000	52,143,446 00	62,814,492 50
<i>Silver.</i>					
Dollars - pieces	-	-	-	309	1,300
Half-dollars - do	-	-	402,000	200,789	602,789
Quarter-dollars - do	-	-	88,000	166,000	248,000
Dimes - do	-	-	400,000	1,077,000	1,426,000
Half-dimes - do	-	-	860,000	781,000	1,641,000
Three-cents - do	-	-	720,000	5,447,400	6,167,400
Value of silver	-	-	\$327,600	446,797 00	774,397 00
<i>Copper.</i>					
Cents - pieces	-	-	-	9,889,707	9,889,707
Half-cents - do	-	-	-	147,672	147,672
Value of copper	-	-	-	\$99,685 48	99,685 48
Total coinage in pieces	105,866	83,836	3,527,000	24,985,736	28,701,958
Total coinage in value	\$324,454 50	351,592	10,122,600	52,689,878 48	63,488,524 98

## B.

*Coinage of the mint and branch mints from their organization to the close of the year 1851.*

## 1.—MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA.

Periods.	GOLD COINAGE.					SILVER COINAGE.					
	Double eagles.	Eagles.	Half eagles.	Quarter eagles.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Half dollars.	Quarter dollars.	Dimes.	Half dimes.	Three cents.
	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.
1793 to 1817	-	132,592	845,909	22,197	-	1,489,517	18,104,433	650,280	1,007,151	265,543	-
1818 to 1837	-	-	3,087,925	879,903	-	1,000	74,793,560	5,041,749	11,834,949	14,463,700	-
1838	-	7,200	286,588	47,030	-	-	3,546,000	882,000	1,992,500	2,255,000	-
1839	-	38,248	118,148	27,021	-	800	3,884,561	491,146	1,053,116	1,069,150	-
1840	-	47,838	137,882	18,859	-	61,005	1,485,008	188,127	1,358,580	1,844,085	-
1841	-	68,131	15,833	-	-	173,000	310,000	120,000	1,632,500	1,150,000	-
1842	-	81,507	27,578	2,823	-	181,618	2,012,764	88,000	1,637,500	815,000	-
1843	-	75,462	611,203	100,546	-	165,100	3,844,000	645,000	1,370,000	1,165,000	-
1844	-	6,361	340,370	6,784	-	20,000	1,766,000	421,200	72,500	480,000	-
1845	-	26,153	417,099	91,051	-	24,500	589,000	932,000	1,755,000	1,564,000	-
1846	-	20,095	395,942	21,598	-	110,600	2,210,000	510,000	81,300	27,000	-
1847	-	862,284	919,781	29,814	-	140,750	1,156,000	784,000	245,000	1,274,000	-
1848	-	145,484	260,775	8,886	-	15,000	580,000	146,000	451,500	668,000	-
1849	-	653,618	133,070	28,294	688,567	62,600	1,252,000	840,000	839,000	1,809,000	-
1850	-	1,170,261	291,451	64,491	252,928	7,500	227,000	190,800	1,931,500	955,000	-
1851	-	2,087,155	176,328	877,505	1,372,748	3,817,671	1,800	160,000	1,026,500	781,000	5,447,400
Total	-	3,257,416	2,627,232	3,089,596	2,905,477	4,488,191	2,406,790	110,361,076	11,480,902	28,498,595	20,535,478

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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA—Continued.

Periods.	COPPER COINAGE.		TOTAL COINAGE.				
	Conts.	Half cents.	No. of pieces coined.	Value of gold.	Value of silver.	Value of copper.	Total value coined.
	<i>Pieces.</i>	<i>Pieces.</i>					
1793 to 1817	29,316,272	5,235,513	52,019,407	\$5,610,957 50	\$8,288,295 75	\$319,340 28	\$14,198,593 53
1818 to 1837	46,551,830	2,095,200	158,382,816	17,639,382 50	40,566,897 15	476,674 30	58,682,853 95
1838	6,370,200	-	16,336,518	1,622,515 00	2,298,000 00	63,702 00	3,979,217 00
1839	8,128,661	-	9,260,345	1,040,747 50	1,949,136 00	31,286 61	3,021,170 11
1840	2,462,700	-	7,058,084	1,267,437 50	1,028,603 00	24,627 00	2,260,667 50
1841	1,597,867	-	5,051,831	710,475 00	577,750 00	15,973 67	1,304,198 67
1842	2,388,390	-	7,483,180	960,017 50	1,442,500 00	23,833 90	2,426,351 40
1843	2,423,820	-	10,405,283	4,062,010 00	2,443,750 00	21,283 20	6,530,043 20
1844	2,397,752	-	5,460,967	1,782,420 00	1,037,050 00	23,977 52	2,843,447 52
1845	3,894,804	-	9,283,607	2,574,652 50	808,200 00	38,948 04	3,416,800 54
1846	4,120,800	-	7,447,335	2,234,655 00	1,347,580 00	41,208 00	3,623,443 00
1847	6,183,669	-	11,545,278	13,206,080 00	990,450 00	61,836 69	14,843,366 69
1848	6,415,799	-	8,691,444	2,780,830 00	420,050 00	64,157 99	3,265,137 99
1849	4,178,500	39,864	9,519,513	7,948,332 00	922,950 00	41,934 32	8,913,266 32
1850	4,426,844	39,812	10,039,535	27,756,445 50	409,600 00	44,467 50	28,210,513 00
1851	9,889,707	147,672	24,985,786	52,143,446 00	446,797 00	99,635 43	52,689,878 43
Total -	135,749,615	7,608,061	352,465,829	143,370,503 50	64,947,608 90	1,395,836 45	209,713,948 85

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2.—BRANCH MINT AT NEW ORLEANS.

Periods.	GOLD COINAGE.					SILVER COINAGE.					
	Double eagles.	Eagles.	Half eagles.	Quarter eagles.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Half dollars.	Quarter dollars.	Dimes.	Half dimes.	Three cents.
	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.
1838 - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	115,000	-	205,000	35,000	-
1839 - - -	-	-	-	17,346	-	-	-	690,000	460,000	460,000	-
1840 - - -	-	-	32,500	28,200	-	-	815,000	428,100	1,241,000	909,000	-
1841 - - -	-	4,500	6,850	7,180	-	-	267,000	452,500	2,007,500	815,000	-
1842 - - -	-	27,300	16,400	10,800	-	-	957,000	769,000	1,950,000	350,000	-
1843 - - -	-	175,062	179,075	290,002	-	-	2,268,000	618,000	150,000	-	-
1844 - - -	-	118,700	224,000	-	-	-	2,005,000	740,000	-	220,000	-
1845 - - -	-	47,500	41,000	-	-	-	2,004,000	-	230,000	-	-
1846 - - -	-	81,780	58,000	66,000	-	59,000	2,004,000	-	-	-	-
1847 - - -	-	571,500	12,000	124,000	-	-	2,584,000	868,000	-	-	-
1848 - - -	-	35,850	-	-	-	-	3,180,000	-	-	600,000	-
1849 - - -	-	23,900	-	-	215,000	-	2,310,000	-	300,000	140,000	-
1850 - - -	141,000	57,500	84,000	-	14,000	40,000	2,456,000	412,000	510,000	690,000	-
1851 - - -	315,000	263,000	41,000	148,000	290,000	-	402,000	88,000	400,000	860,000	720,000
Total -	456,000	1,406,592	750,925	782,528	519,000	99,000	21,867,000	3,773,600	7,683,500	5,079,000	720,000

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## BRANCH MINT AT NEW ORLEANS—Continued.

Periods.	TOTAL COINAGE.			
	Number of pieces coined.	Value of gold.	Value of silver.	Total value coined.
1838	240,000	-	\$22,250	\$22,250
1839	1,282,846	\$48,365	149,500	192,865
1840	3,449,800	228,000	688,575	911,575
1841	3,660,080	94,700	588,125	682,825
1842	4,089,500	404,500	888,250	1,287,750
1843	3,580,189	3,371,000	1,278,500	4,649,500
1844	3,448,800	3,010,000	1,198,500	4,208,500
1845	2,412,500	680,000	1,070,000	1,750,000
1846	2,568,780	1,272,800	1,211,000	2,483,800
1847	3,650,500	6,085,000	1,384,000	7,469,000
1848	3,815,850	358,500	1,620,000	1,978,500
1849	2,988,900	454,000	1,192,000	1,646,000
1850	4,404,500	3,619,000	1,458,500	5,076,500
1851	3,527,000	9,795,000	827,600	10,122,600
Total	43,127,145	29,415,865	13,014,800	42,430,665

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3.—BRANCH MINT AT CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Periods.	GOLD COINAGE.				
	Half eagles.	Quarter eagles.	Gold dollars.	Total.	Total value of coinage.
	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Pieces.	Dollars.
1838	12,886	7,894	—	20,780	84,165 00
1839	23,467	18,178	—	41,640	162,767 00
1840	18,994	12,834	—	31,828	127,055 00
1841	21,467	10,281	—	31,748	133,037 50
1842	27,480	8,642	—	36,122	159,005 00
1843	44,850	28,098	—	70,449	287,005 00
1844	23,681	11,622	—	35,253	147,210 00
1845	—	—	—	—	—
1846	12,998	4,808	—	17,808	76,995 00
1847	84,151	28,226	—	107,377	478,820 00
1848	64,472	16,789	—	81,260	364,380 00
1849	64,823	10,220	11,684	86,677	361,292 00
1850	68,591	9,148	8,966	79,705	347,791 00
1851	49,176	14,923	41,267	105,366	324,454 50
Total	511,486	174,655	59,867	746,008	3,053,934 50

4.—BRANCH MINT AT DAHLONEGA, GA.

1838	—	20,588	—	20,588	102,915 00
1839	—	18,989	13,674	32,613	128,880 00
1840	—	23,896	3,532	27,428	123,810 00
1841	—	30,695	4,164	34,859	163,885 00
1842	—	59,608	4,643	64,251	309,647 50
1843	—	98,450	36,209	134,659	582,772 50
1844	—	89,054	17,332	106,386	488,600 00
1845	—	90,629	19,460	110,089	501,795 00
1846	—	80,294	19,303	99,597	449,727 50
1847	—	64,405	15,784	80,189	361,485 00
1848	—	47,465	13,771	61,236	271,752 50
1849	—	39,036	10,945	21,588	244,130 50
1850	—	43,950	12,143	8,382	258,502 00
1851	—	62,710	11,264	9,882	351,592 00
Total	—	769,714	182,229	89,852	991,795
					4,343,994 50

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*Summary exhibit of the coinage of the mints to the close of 1851.*

Mints.	Commencement of coinage.	Gold coinage.	Silver coin- age.	Copper coinage.	Entire coinage.	
		Value.	Value.	Value.	Number of pieces.	Value.
		<i>Dollars.</i>	<i>Dollars.</i>	<i>Dollars.</i>		<i>Dollars.</i>
Philadelphia -	1793	143,370,508 50	64,947,608 90	1,895,886 45	352,465,820	209,718,948 85
New Orleans -	1838	29,415,865 00	18,014,800 00	-	48,127,145	42,430,665 00
Charlotte -	1838	8,058,984 50	-	-	746,008	8,058,984 50
Dahlonoga -	1838	4,348,994 50	-	-	991,795	4,348,994 50
Total -	-	180,184,297 50	77,962,408 90	1,895,886 45	397,330,777	259,542,542 85

C.

*Statement of the amount of gold of domestic production deposited at the mint of the United States and its branches to the close of 1851.*

1.—MINT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Periods.	Virginia.	North Carolina.	South Carolina.	Georgia.	Tennessee.	Alabama.	New Mexico.	California.	Various sources.	Total.
1804 to 1827 - -	-	\$110,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$110,000
1828 to 1837 - -	\$427,000	2,519,500	\$327,500	\$1,763,900	\$12,400	-	-	-	\$18,200	5,068,500
1838 to 1847 - -	518,294	1,303,636	152,866	566,316	16,499	\$45,493	-	-	21,037	2,623,641
1848 - - - -	57,886	109,034	19,228	3,370	3,497	3,670	\$682	\$44,177	-	241,544
1849 - - - -	129,382	102,688	4,809	10,525	2,789	2,977	32,889	5,481,439	144	5,767,092
1850 - - - -	65,991	43,784	759	5,114	307	1,178	5,392	31,667,505	326	31,790,806
1851 - - - -	69,052	49,440	12,888	2,490	126	817	890	46,939,367	-	47,074,520
Total - - -	1,267,605	4,238,032	516,500	2,851,715	35,568	64,185	89,853	84,182,488	84,707	92,670,603

2.—BRANCH MINT AT NEW ORLEANS.

1838 to 1847 - -	-	\$741	\$14,806	\$87,864	\$1,772	\$61,908	-	\$3,618	\$119,699
1848 - - - -	-	-	1,488	2,317	947	6,717	\$1,124	-	12,593
1849 - - - -	-	-	423	-	-	4,062	669,921	2,780	677,189
1850 - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	3,560	4,575,567	894	4,580,021
1851 - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	1,040	8,769,682	-	8,770,722
Total - - -	-	741	16,217	89,681	2,719	77,282	14,016,294	7,290	14,100,224

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3.—BRANCH MINT, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Periods.	Virginia.	North Carolina.	South Carolina.	Georgia.	Tennessee.	Alabama.	New Mexico.	California.	Various sources.	Total.
1838 to 1847 - - -	-	\$1,529,777	\$148,941	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,678,718
1848 - - - - -	-	359,075	11,710	-	-	-	-	-	-	370,785
1849 - - - - -	-	378,223	12,509	-	-	-	-	-	-	390,732
1850 - - - - -	-	307,289	13,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	320,289
1851 - - - - -	-	275,472	25,478	-	-	-	-	\$15,111	-	316,061
Total - - - - -	-	2,849,836	206,638	-	-	-	-	15,111	-	3,071,585

4.—BRANCH MINT, DAHLONEGA, GEORGIA.

1838 to 1847 - - -	-	\$64,351	\$95,427	\$2,978,353	\$32,175	\$47,711	-	-	-	\$3,218,017
1848 - - - - -	-	5,434	8,151	251,870	2,717	4,075	-	-	-	271,758
1849 - - - - -	-	4,882	7,823	225,824	2,441	3,661	-	-	-	244,181
1850 - - - - -	-	4,500	5,700	1,200	204,473	1,800	-	\$30,025	-	247,998
1851 - - - - -	-	1,971	3,236	154,723	2,251	2,105	-	214,072	\$951	379,809
Total - - - - -	-	81,138	119,837	3,611,476	244,657	59,352	-	244,097	951	4,360,908

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*Summary exhibit of the entire deposits of domestic gold at the mint and branches to the close of 1851.*

Mints.	Virginia.	North Caro- lina.	South Caro- lina.	Georgia.	Tennessee.	Alabama.	New Mexico.	California.	Various sources.	Total.
Philadelphia - -	\$1,267,605	\$4,238,032	\$516,500	\$2,351,715	\$35,568	\$54,135	\$89,853	\$84,182,488	\$34,707	\$92,670,603
New Orleans - -	-	741	16,217	89,681	2,719	77,282	-	14,016,204	7,290	14,160,224
Charlotte - - -	-	2,849,836	206,638	-	-	-	-	15,111	-	3,071,585
Dahlgren - - -	-	81,188	119,887	3,611,476	244,057	59,352	-	244,097	951	4,360,908
Aggregate - -	1,267,605	7,169,747	859,192	6,002,872	282,344	190,769	89,853	98,407,990	42,948	114,263,320